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SUBJECT: Letter to Disciplinary Comm. 4/28/11

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LETTER OF COMPLAINT AGAINST: Matthew E. Fishbein, Esq

Dear Grievance Panel Officers,

I am writing to file a complaint against Matthew E. Fishbein, Esq, of the law firm, Debevoise and Plimpton, 919 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Counsel Fishbein was appointed to the matter of United States v. Roman Vega which is a criminal case, wherein I am a defendant in the U.S. District Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. Hon. Allyne Ross, USDCJ.

I have repeatedly written to counsel Fishbein and he has ignored all of my letters. Other than one brief interview in the Brooklyn Federal Courthouse, counsel Fishbein has not communicated with me. This case is set for sentencing in the near term and counsel Fishbein has an ethical obligation to communicate with the undersigned regarding the complex pre-sentence report in this matter.

I have been awaiting sentencing for almost "EIGHT (8) YEARS" (emphasis added).

Counsel Fishbein was sent an email communication link and has refused to activate it. This case has other companion matters in other districts and the sentence stage is critical as the plea in this matter is highly questionable due to ineffective assistance of my previous counsel Federal Public Defender, Michael Padden, Esq. I am of the opinion that a highly complex, international case, which is multi-jurisdictional in nature, requires much more than one hour conference in a jail lockup.

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r. Fishbein needs to be reminded of his ethical responsibilities to his client, and of the fact that failure to comport his practice in an ethical fashion, may lead to his removal from the practice of law for ethical violations.

Please instruct Counsel Fishbein on the ethics of his practice and compel him to take the required steps necessary to protect his clients interest, or in the alternative instruct counsel Fishbein to withdraw via motion.

I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience as "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE" (emphasis added).

Very truly yours



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